

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (original): A three-terminal filter using the area flexural vibration mode comprising:

at least three electrodes having a substantially square shape; and  
at least two piezoelectric layers having a substantially square shape; wherein  
said at least three electrodes and said at least two piezoelectric layers are  
alternately laminated;  
said at least two piezoelectric layers are polarized in a thickness direction; and  
said at least three electrodes include a first surface electrode located at a first  
surface of said filter that functions as an input electrode, a second surface electrode  
located at a second surface of said filter that functions as an output electrode, and an  
internal electrode located between said at least two piezoelectric layers that functions  
as a ground electrode.

Claim 2 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 1, wherein said at  
least two piezoelectric layers are polarized in the same direction.

Claim 3 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 1, wherein one of  
said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a first direction, and another of said  
at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction opposite to the first direction.

Claim 4 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 1, wherein one of  
said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said first  
surface towards said internal electrode, and another of said at least two piezoelectric

layers is polarized in a direction extending from said second surface towards said internal electrode.

Claim 5 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 1, wherein one of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said internal electrode toward said first surface, and another of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said internal electrode toward said second surface.

Claim 6 (original): A three-terminal filter comprising:  
at least three electrodes; and  
at least two piezoelectric layers; wherein  
said at least three electrodes and said at least two piezoelectric layers are alternately laminated;  
said at least two piezoelectric layers are polarized in a thickness direction; and  
said at least three electrodes and said at least two piezoelectric layers are configured to vibrate in an area flexural mode.

Claim 7 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 6, wherein said at least three electrodes have a substantially square shape.

Claim 8 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 6, wherein said at least two piezoelectric layers have a substantially square shape.

Claim 9 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 6, wherein said at least three electrodes include a first surface electrode located at a first surface of said filter that functions as an input electrode, a second surface electrode located at a second surface of said filter that functions as an output electrode, and an internal

electrode located between said at least two piezoelectric layers that functions as a ground electrode.

Claim 10 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 6, wherein said at least two piezoelectric layers are polarized in the same direction.

Claim 11 (original): The three-terminal filter according to claim 6, wherein one of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a first direction, and another of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction opposite to the first direction.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The three-terminal filter according to claim 69, wherein one of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said first surface towards said internal electrode, and another of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said second surface towards said internal electrode.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The three-terminal filter according to claim 69, wherein one of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said internal electrode toward said first surface, and another of said at least two piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said internal electrode toward said second surface.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A filter comprising:  
a plurality of electrodes; and  
a plurality of piezoelectric layers; wherein  
said plurality of electrodes and said plurality of piezoelectric layers are alternately laminated;  
said plurality of piezoelectric layers are polarized in a thickness direction; ~~and~~

said plurality of electrodes and said plurality of piezoelectric layers are configured to vibrate in an area flexural mode; and  
said plurality of electrodes have a substantially square shape.

Claim 15 (original): The filter according to claim 14, wherein the filter comprises a three-terminal filter.

Claim 16 (original): The filter according to claim 14, wherein said plurality of electrodes includes at least three electrodes.

Claim 17 (original): The filter according to claim 14, wherein said plurality of piezoelectric layers includes at least two piezoelectric layers.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (original): The filter according to claim 14, wherein said plurality of piezoelectric layers have a substantially square shape.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The ~~three-terminal~~ filter according to claim 16, wherein said at least three electrodes include a first surface electrode located at a first surface of said filter that functions as an input electrode, a second surface electrode located at a second surface of said filter that functions as an output electrode, and an internal electrode located between said plurality of piezoelectric layers that functions as a ground electrode.

Claim 21 (original): The filter according to claim 14, wherein said plurality of piezoelectric layers are polarized in the same direction.

Claim 22 (original): The filter according to claim 14, wherein one of said plurality of piezoelectric layers is polarized in a first direction, and another of said plurality of piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction opposite to the first direction.

Claim 23 (original): The filter according to claim 20, wherein one of said plurality of piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said first surface towards said internal electrode, and another of said plurality of piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said second surface towards said internal electrode.

Claim 24 (original): The filter according to claim 20, wherein one of said plurality of piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said internal electrode toward said first surface, and another of said plurality of piezoelectric layers is polarized in a direction extending from said internal electrode toward said second surface.